year 2005-06, till October 2005, there have been 232* deaths and 505* injuries. Further, as a result of the stampede at the New Delhi Railway Station on 13.11.04, 5 persons were killed and 10 persons injured. It may be pointed out the number of fatalities in train accidents is essentially fortuitous and is not related to the number of accidents or susceptible to comparisons.

(b) The number of accident compensation claims cases (death and injury) filed in different Railway Claims Tribunals during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 (upto September 2005) were 187 and 57 respectively. This includes six cases of death and injury pertaining to stampede at New Delhi station.

*Figures are provisional.

World heritage status for railway stations

422. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are actively seeking world heritage status for some railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the current status of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU) : (a) No, Sir. However, earlier, Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST) has already been inscribed as a World Heritage Site in 2004.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Upgradation of railway stations

423. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to upgrade some railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and station-wise;

(c) the total estimated cost of the upgradation of these railway stations; and